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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, the specification has been amended for better conformance to U.S. practice.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Abstract and suggested deleting "Fig. 1" appearing on the last line. In response, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice where, for example, "Fig. 1" has been deleted as suggested. It is believed this objection has been overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner suggested adding headings to the specification. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's suggestion, however respectfully decline to add the headings as they are not required in accordance with MPEP §608.01(a).

In the Office Action, claims 1-11 are objected to for certain informalities. In response, claims 1-11 have been amended to

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overcome the informalities noted by the Examiner, as well as other informalities noted upon review of the claims, such as beginning the dependent claim with 'The' instead of 'A', and deleting reference designations typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims, as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 1-11 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. It is respectfully submitted that the objection of claims 1-11 have been overcome and an indication as such is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,682,206 (Wehmeyer). Further, claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Wehmeyer in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0175121 (Ellis). In addition, claims 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Wehmeyer in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,311,011 (Kuroda). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-14 are patentable over Wehmeyer, Ellis and Kuroda for at least the following reasons.

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Wehmeyer is directed to a television system that receives programs and records a particular show in accordance with a schedule entered by a user, as recited throughout Wehmeyer, such as the Abstract, line 5; and column 1, line 49. A sentence summarizing the programming instructions is provided as a confirmation screen, which may include variables modifiable by the user.

As recited on column 2, lines 26-33, in response to the user moving a cursor to a block on a displayed program guide and pressing a SELECT key, channel and program time information are displayed, included in a sentence. As recited on column 3, lines 2-6, the sentence includes the channel and starting and ending times.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 8 and 12 which, amongst other patentable elements, requires:

recording control means which, when a user of the recording arrangement has defined the recording start time and the receiving channel for a recording, are adapted to propose the end time determined by the detection means as the recording end time for the recording of the television program that can be received in the

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receiving channel. (Emphasis added)

Proposing an end time when the user defines the start time and channel is nowhere taught or suggested in Wehmeyer. Rather, Wehmeyer discloses providing a confirmation screen with a sentence in response to the user selecting a program from a displayed program guide. Ellis and Kuroda are cited in rejection dependent claims for allegedly showing other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Wehmeyer.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1, 8 and 12 be allowed. In addition, as claims 2-7, 9-11 and 13-14 depend from independent claims 1, 8 and 12, applicants respectfully request that claims 2-7, 9-11 and 13-14 also be allowed.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of

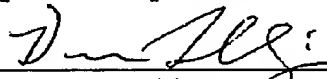
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the Examiner's statements are conceded. And in particular, no official notices are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to Applicants' representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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